

HOUSE BILL No. 1608

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-13-18; IC 5-16-12; IC 36-1-12-15.

Synopsis: Drug testing of public works employees. Reenacts the statute that requires the employees of public works contractors to submit to drug testing so that the statute applies to public works contracts of all public entities. Repeals the current drug testing statute. Provides that a contract that complied with the current statute is considered to comply with the new statute.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-16-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]:

4 **Chapter 12. Drug Testing of Employees of Public Works**
5 **Contractors**

6 **Sec. 1. (a) This chapter applies only to a public works contract**
7 **awarded after June 30, 2006.**

8 **(b) This chapter does not apply to a public works contract when**
9 **the estimated cost of the public works project is less than one**
10 **hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).**

11 **Sec. 2. A public works contract awarded before July 1, 2007,**
12 **that complied with IC 4-13-18 (before its repeal), is considered to**
13 **comply with this chapter.**

14 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "bid" includes a quotation.**

15 **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this chapter, "contractor" refers to a**
16 **person who:**

17 **(1) submits a bid to do work under a public works contract;**



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(2) does any work under a public works contract.

(b) The term includes a subcontractor of a contractor.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "public money" means any money raised by fees, taxes, or special assessments imposed by an entity created by statute.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "public works contract" refers to a contract to perform a public works project.

Sec. 7. (a) As used in this chapter, "public works project" means the construction, reconstruction, alteration, or renovation of a public building, facility, or other structure that is paid for, in whole or in part, from public money.

(b) The term includes any of the following:

(1) The construction, alteration, or repair of:

(A) a highway, street, alley, bridge, sewer, drain, or other improvement; or

(B) a building, facility, or other structure leased by an entity created by statute under a lease containing an option to purchase.

(2) A project covered by any of the following:

(A) IC 4-13.6.

(B) IC 5-16.

(C) IC 5-23.

(D) IC 8-23-9.

(E) IC 36-1-12.

Sec. 8. (a) A solicitation for a public works contract must require each contractor that submits a bid for the work to submit with the bid a written plan for a program to test the contractor's employees for drugs.

(b) A public works contract may not be awarded to a contractor whose bid does not include a written plan for an employee drug testing program that complies with this chapter.

(c) A contractor that is subject to a collective bargaining agreement shall be treated as having an employee drug testing program that complies with this chapter if the collective bargaining agreement establishes an employee drug testing program that includes the following:

(1) The program provides for the random testing of the contractor's employees.

(2) The program contains a five (5) drug panel that tests for the substances identified in section 9(a)(3) of this chapter.

(3) The program imposes disciplinary measures on an

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employee who fails a drug test. The disciplinary measures must include at a minimum, all the following:

(A) The employee is subject to suspension or immediate termination.

(B) The employee is not eligible for reinstatement until the employee tests negative on a five (5) drug panel test certified by a medical review officer.

(C) The employee is subject to unscheduled sporadic testing for at least one (1) year after reinstatement.

(D) The employee successfully completes a rehabilitation program recommended by a substance abuse professional if the employee fails more than one (1) drug test.

A copy of the relevant part of the collective bargaining agreement constitutes a written plan under this section.

Sec. 9. (a) A contractor's employee drug testing program must satisfy all of the following:

(1) Each of the contractor's employees must be subject to a drug test at least one (1) time each year.

(2) Subject to subdivision (1), the contractor's employees must be tested randomly. At least two percent (2%) of the contractor's employees must be randomly selected each month for testing.

(3) The program must contain at least a five (5) drug panel that tests for the following:

(A) Amphetamines.

(B) Cocaine.

(C) Opiates (2000 ng/ml).

(D) PCP.

(E) THC.

(4) The program must impose progressive discipline on an employee who fails a drug test. The discipline must have at least the following progression:

(A) After the first positive test, an employee must be:

(i) suspended from work for thirty (30) days;

(ii) directed to a program of treatment or rehabilitation; and

(iii) subject to unannounced drug testing for one (1) year, beginning the day the employee returns to work.

(B) After a second positive test, an employee must be:

(i) suspended from work for ninety (90) days;

(ii) directed to a program of treatment or rehabilitation; and

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(iii) subject to unannounced drug testing for one (1) year, beginning the day the employee returns to work.

(C) After a third or subsequent positive test, an employee must be:

(i) suspended from work for one (1) year;

(ii) directed to a program of treatment or rehabilitation; and

(iii) subject to unannounced drug testing for one (1) year, beginning the day the employee returns to work.

The program may require dismissal of the employee after any positive drug test or other discipline more severe than is described in this subdivision.

(b) An employer complies with the requirement of subsection (a) to direct an employee to a program of treatment or rehabilitation if the employer does either of the following:

(1) Advises the employee of any program of treatment or rehabilitation covered by insurance provided by the employer.

(2) If the employer does not provide insurance that covers drug treatment or rehabilitation programs, the employer advises the employee of agencies known to the employer that provide drug treatment or rehabilitation programs.

Sec. 10. (a) The public works contract must provide for the following:

(1) That the contractor implement the employee drug testing program described in the contractor's plan.

(2) Cancellation of the contract by the agency awarding the contract if the contractor:

(A) fails to implement its employee drug testing program during the term of the contract;

(B) fails to provide information regarding implementation of the contractor's employee drug testing program at the request of the agency; or

(C) provides to the agency false information regarding the contractor's employee drug testing program.

(b) The provisions of the public works contract relating to cancellation of the contract by the agency awarding the contract apply to cancellation of the public works contract under this section.

SECTION 2. IC 36-1-12-15 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 15. (a) A contract by the board for public work must conform to **all of the following**:

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1 **(1)** The wage scale provisions of IC 5-16-7.

2 ~~(b) A contract by the board for public work must conform with~~

3 **(2)** The antidiscrimination provisions of IC 5-16-6. The board
4 may consider a violation of IC 5-16-6 a material breach of the
5 contract, as provided in IC 22-9-1-10.

6 **(3) The employee drug testing provisions of IC 5-16-12.**

7 SECTION 3. IC 4-13-18 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
8 2007].

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